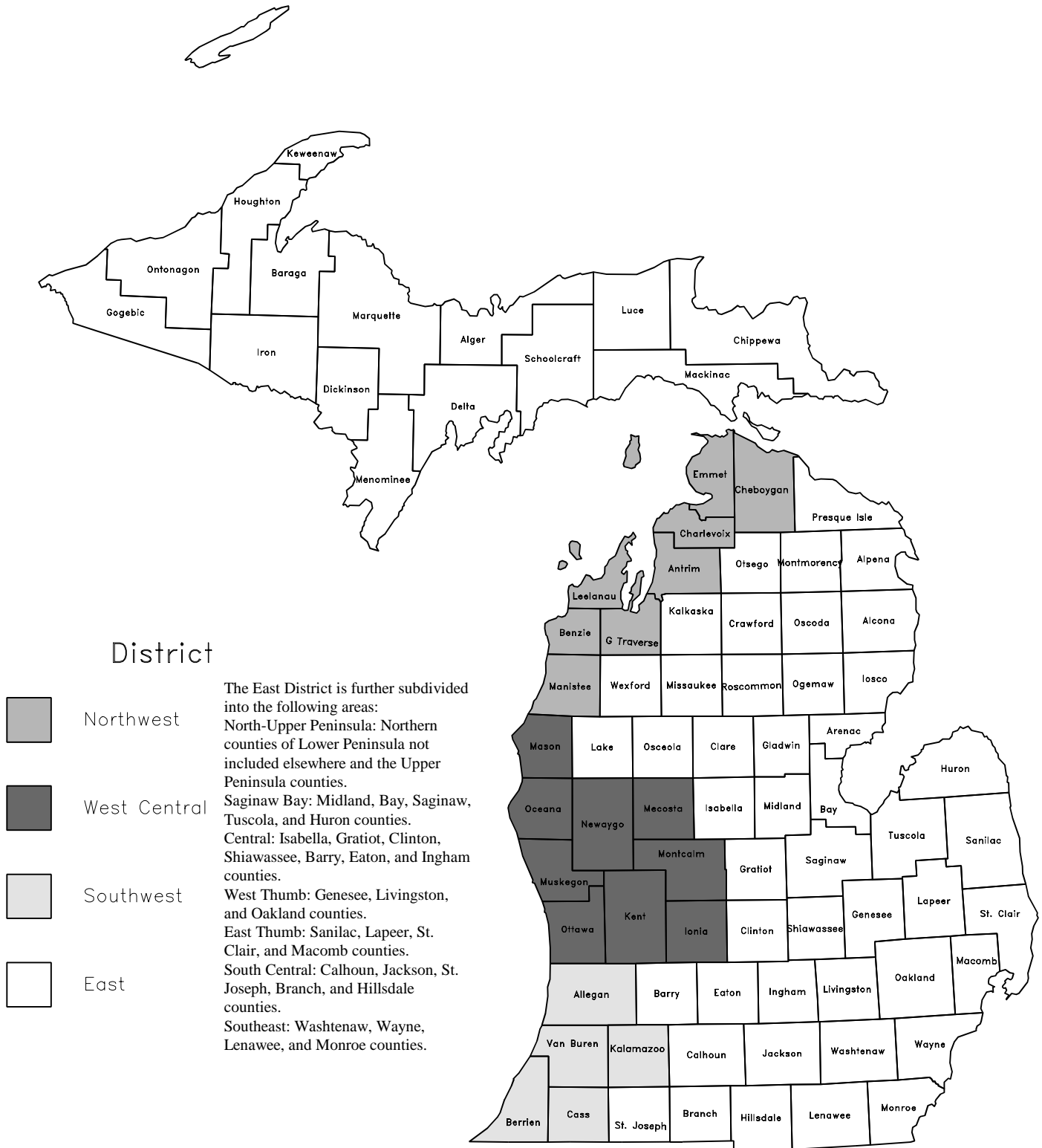


Michigan Fruit Districts



All Fruit

There were 125,860 acres of fruit on commercial operations at the end of 2003. That compares with 128,810 acres at the end of 2000. A decline in apple acres from 2000 to 2003 was partially offset by increases in grape, tart cherry, and blueberry acres.

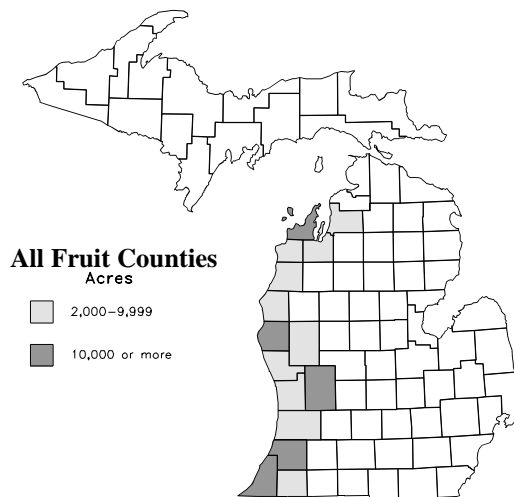
There were 2,245 commercial fruit farms at the end of 2003. A commercial fruit farm was defined as having at least one acre of any tree fruit or grapes or one half acre of any berry.

The geographic concentration of fruit varied substantially. The top five apple counties accounted for 59 percent of the total acres. The comparable figures for tart cherries and blueberries were 78 percent and 96 percent, respectively. The counties with the most acres of fruit, in order, were VanBuren, Berrien, Leelanau, Oceana, and Kent. They contained 60 percent of the acres of fruit in Michigan.

All fruit: Number of farms and acres by county and district

County and district	Total farms	Apples	Cherries, tart	Cherries, sweet	Blueberries	Grapes	Peaches	Plums
Antrim	52	630	2,470	840				
Benzie	31	800	1,400					
Grand Traverse	123	750	4,250	1,900		395		65
Leelanau	177	1,800	8,450	4,150		325	70	190
Manistee	35	1,050	850	250			90	
Charlevoix, Cheboygan, and Emmet	23	70	180					
Northwest ³	441	5,100	17,600	7,500	25	740	230	290
Ionia	11	650						
Kent	102	9,300	340				120	
Mason	32	1,500	1,900	520			390	65
Montcalm, Mecosta	20	850						
Muskegon	36	2,300	190		920		120	
Newaygo	23	1,800	190				100	
Oceana	111	3,500	8,000	500			1,900	115
Ottawa	151	3,800			5,300		130	
West Central ³	486	23,700	10,700	1,150	6,550	25	2,800	265
Allegan	111	650	290		2,750		380	
Berrien	388	4,800	1,650	180	1,220	7,500	1,700	110
Cass	29	850						
Kalamazoo	21	100						
Van Buren	337	3,800	1,500	65	7,550	5,000	320	150
Southwest ³	886	10,200	3,640	270	11,550	13,450	2,450	310
North	89	250		8	28		5	
Saginaw Bay	56	130		10	97	7	22	
Central	63	530	6	9	38	7	6	
West Thumb	34	520	9	7	90		18	
East Thumb	64	940	14	33	71	13	90	11
South Central	46	330	10	3	26		11	3
Southeast	80	800	9	10	25		68	12
East ³	432	3,500	60	80	375	185	220	35
Michigan	2,245	42,500	32,000	9,000	18,500	14,400	5,700	900

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All fruit: Number of farms and acres by county and district (continued)

County and district	Pears	Brambles	Cranberries	Nectarines	Strawberries	Other ¹	All fruit	
							2003	2000 ²
Antrim	45					105	4,090	3,900
Benzie						390	2,590	2,500
Grand Traverse	45					60	7,465	7,260
Leelanau	45				30	20	15,080	14,890
Manistee					60	20	2,320	2,440
Charlevoix, Cheboygan, and Emmet			150			70	470	465
Northwest	160	60	165	5	140		32,015	31,455
Ionia						45	695	1,005
Kent					50	150	9,960	10,880
Mason	100					60	4,535	4,565
Montcalm, Mecosta						95	945	1,050
Muskegon						35	3,565	3,505
Newaygo						155	2,245	2,150
Oceana	270				35	165	14,485	14,155
Ottawa						175	9,405	9,600
West Central	420	40	20	15	150		45,835	46,910
Allegan	75					180	4,325	4,570
Berrien	70	180			105	65	17,580	17,925
Cass					50	605	1,505	1,820
Kalamazoo						565	665	820
Van Buren	85				90	75	18,635	19,760
Southwest	235	210	60	75	260		42,710	44,895
North	7	26			106	20	450	480
Saginaw Bay	12	22			59	11	370	395
Central		35			107	7	745	835
West Thumb		34			32	15	725	775
East Thumb	24	44			82	3	1,325	1,400
South Central	9	16			56	111	575	580
Southeast	24	63			58	41	1,110	1,085
East	85	240	15	5	500		5,300	5,550
Michigan	900	550	260	100	1,050		125,860	128,810

¹ Fruits combined to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

² Includes apricots, excludes cranberries.

³ Totals may not add due to combining fruits to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.